

THE HONORABLE DORIS O. MATSUI

Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui is proud to represent the city of Sacramento, Calif. and its surrounding areas. As an established and informed Representative, Congresswoman Matsui has emerged in Washington as a resourceful and influential advocate for the people of the Sacramento region.

Sacramento is the seat of government for the fifth-largest economy in the world, a prominent and powerful region that Rep. Matsui represents with strength and a vision for far-reaching policy. As the fourth-highest-ranked Member on the influential House Rules Committee, she brings the distinctive voice of the Sacramento region to Washington, D.C.

In October of 2007, she established the Congressional Children's Working Group to advocate for the National Children's Study. As a longstanding proponent for children's health, Matsui championed the study and fought to maintain its funding. The National Children's Study is the nation's first in-depth, longitudinal study of children's health challenges and their environmental causes.

A veteran of the Clinton Administration and a key member of the 1992 Presidential Transition Board, Congresswoman Matsui succeeded her late husband, Rep. Robert T. Matsui, in office, bringing a mixture of prominent experience with a true dedication to the issues that matter to the Sacramento region. She has worked tirelessly to strengthen the region's flood protection systems and secure federal funding to increase the safety and security of her constituents. Soon after becoming a member of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Rep. Matsui played a central role in passing legislation that contained \$700 million in authorized funds for local flood control projects.

The Congresswoman is also focused on improving local and regional security. After learning in early 2006 that Sacramento was ruled ineligible to receive federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security, she led the fight to add Sacramento back to its list of funding-eligible cities.

Beyond security challenges, Rep. Matsui is committed to improving the quality of life for the families of Sacramento. She led the charge in Congress to fully fund the National Children's Health Study, which will examine and track important health and development issues.

Rep. Matsui has a long history of civic involvement, and is continuing that tradition on the Smithsonian Board of Regents. She was appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on the Board's Governance Committee, and is one of only three Members of the House on the Committee. Prior to taking office, she served on the boards of a number of local and national nonprofit organizations in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., including KVIE public television station in Sacramento, the Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento Children's Home, Meridian International Center, Arena Stage, and Woodrow Wilson Center Board of Trustees.

After growing up on a farm in California's Central Valley, Rep. Matsui earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

Congresswoman Matsui is the proud mother of one son, Brian, who is a practicing attorney in the Washington, D.C. area. She has two young grandchildren, Anna and Robby.